

REMARKS

This communication is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 21, 2004. By this communication, Applicant hereby provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group I drawn to claims 1 to 5 for continued examination. Applicant respectfully requests that the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 6 to 11, be held in abeyance pending reconsideration of a right to rejoinder under the practice set forth in the MPEP, and/or a filing of a divisional application as a matter of right.

Applicant submits that pending claims 1 to 5 are in condition for examination and if allowable will require a rejoinder of claims 6 to 11. To expedite consideration, minor amendments have been made to claims 1 and 6 to clarify the structure and methods respectfully claimed.

Furthermore, to expedite a meaningful initial examination, an IDS is filed herewith to cite a document showing an embodiment in Fig. 7 that is similar to that shown and described in Fig. 14B of this application. Moreover, the specification has been reviewed and minor changes made without the introduction of new matter. Minor changes are also made to the drawings.

It is noted with appreciation that the Action requiring an election acknowledges receipt of the certified copies of the documents supporting the claim for priority.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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